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4 killed, over 30 hurt in Beirut bombings

UT (Reuters). — At least 14 were killed and more than 30 hurt last night when bombs exploded at a Beirut hotel and close to a French military base.

French military spokesman and defence officials said eight persons were killed when a packed with explosives blew metres from a sandbagged point.

Explosion came five minutes after a hotel three kilometres from downtown Beirut, killing persons and wounding about a security sources said.

The ministry said the explosives-packed vehicle blew up on Habib Pasha Street near the command post of France's Third Paratroop Regiment and a command post of Lebanese Phalangists.

Body formed to determine guilt of banks' charges

By AVI TEMKIN

A special committee was appointed yesterday to draft principles which to judge to what extent commercial bank charges are reasonable. The committee, headed by Aviv Stock Exchange chairman Meir Heth, was appointed by Banks Examiner Galia.

The Bank of Israel announced yesterday that the committee will approve "unreasonable common charges."

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West Germany's Hans Pfisterer is first to cross the finish line in yesterday's Sea of Galilee International Marathon. Story, P-2. (Adi Avishai)

IDF bombs terror base

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

Israel Air Force planes yesterday blasted a terrorist base on a hill overlooking Baalbek in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley. According to the Israel Defence Forces spokesman, the site was used by Iranian-influenced terrorists for training and as a departure base for attacks on Israeli troops in Lebanon and the multinational force in Beirut.

The attack began at 10:30 a.m. and lasted 30 minutes, according to an Associated Press report. A Syrian military spokesman in Damascus said three Israeli formations flew over Syrian positions in the Bekaa and one of these formations shelled the Sheikh Abdullah barracks and the surrounding housing area.

According to the Syrian report, seven civilians were injured, two of them seriously.

The IDF spokesman said the pilots had hit their targets and, according to Lebanon's state radio, huge columns of smoke were seen rising above the base.

Military sources in Tel Aviv said after the raid that the Sheikh Abdullah barracks had been used by the Lebanese Army but that the Lebanese and extremist Shi'ite Muslims took it over several months ago. The Iranian Revolutionary Guards and the Islamic Amal of Hussein Musawi, reportedly behind the attack on the American and French headquarters in Beirut and the Israeli Military Government building in Tyre, are based to that area.

An estimated 1,000 Iranian Revolutionary Guards are in the Bekaa.

French Super Etendard jets based on the aircraft carrier Clemenceau (later assigned to accompany PLO leader Yasser Arafat and his followers) attacked the base last month. But AP quoted western reporters who visited the site as saying the French planes had done little damage.

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Arafat may hold talks with Mubarak in Egypt

Israel would voice anger

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel remained audaciously silent last night in the face of reports that Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak might receive PLO chief Yasser Arafat for talks in Cairo today.

But there was little doubt that if the meeting does take place, the Israeli reaction will be vociferous and bitter.

Only yesterday, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, speaking in the Knesset, reiterated the government's utter negation of the PLO as a political factor.

The organization, Shamir declared, "is the enemy of Israel: we will hit it whenever we can."

Referring to the prospect of a Mubarak-Arafat meeting, officials referred to Article Three of the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty, in which the two countries pledged "to ensure that acts or threats of belligerency, hostility, or violence do not occur."

(Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

IAF plane drops bomb by mistake

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An Israel Air Force plane dropped a bomb on a beach near Ashdod, yesterday morning. The bomb went off without causing any casualties.

The Israel Defence Forces spokesman in Tel Aviv issued a statement saying: "Owing to a malfunction, a bomb was inadvertently dropped from an IAF plane."

He would not indicate whether the plane was bound for Lebanon or was on a training run.

Members of Moshav Sde Uziabhu said the bomb fell in the sand dunes between their village and the town of Ashdod, a few minutes after 10 o'clock. Asher Guetta told The Jerusalem Post he saw the bomb fall from a plane, which appeared to have taken off a short while earlier.

The bomb hit the ground and exploded, and flames soared some ten metres high, but the fire went out by itself.

Guetta said the bomb caused a crater some two metres deep, and shrapnel was scattered around.

A number of moshav houses had their windows shattered. Bechor Farhan said that a chandelier in his living room fell on some dishes and broke them.

Deputy TA mayor
under investigation

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police fraud department head Tat-Nitzav Benyamio Siegel is investigating allegations against Deputy Mayor Yigal Griffl concerning the municipal corporation Ganei Yehoshua.

Griffl, who is chairman of the board at Ganei Yehoshua, is being accused by the corporation's director-general Moshe Ekron of promoting one of his relatives in the corporation; of taking plants from the park for his daughter's wedding and of handling a restaurant project in the park without Ekron's knowledge.

Griffl yesterday said he knew these matters had been brought to Siegel's attention and said that he was party to the decision to let the police investigate.

The material against Griffl was given to the police by City Comptroller Shmuel Rubinek. Rubinek began investigating alleged misdeeds in the corporation after material was given to him by Griffl for use against Ekron.

Griffl and Ekron are due to meet Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat today to discuss the charges that each has made against the other.

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PLO chief Yasser Arafat last night was expected to make a brief stop in Egypt for a meeting with President Hosni Mubarak before going on to Tunis.

This was announced by official sources in Tunis last night, and confirmed by Mubarak.

"Why not?" Mubarak said when asked about reports that he would meet the PLO chief who was forced to leave northern Lebanon along with 4,000 of his followers aboard five Greek vessels on Tuesday.

"If he intends to come here, I am going to meet him," Mubarak added. "Whenever he decides to come, we are ready to receive him."

Three ships carrying Arafat and his loyalists arrived at Port Said last night, ready to transit the Suez Canal on their way to North Yemen, waterway operators said.

A spokesman of the Suez Canal Authority said the ships were expected to reach Ismailia, halfway through the canal, around daybreak.

Several hundred other PLO men evacuated from Lebanon flew into Baghdad from Cyprus last night, PLO officials in Iraq said.

Their exact numbers were not immediately known, but 400 disembarked in Larnaca from the ferry Naxos, one of five Greek vessels which carried out the evacuation with an escort of French warships.

Another ship with 800 men refuelled in Cyprus before sailing for Tunis.

Arafat boarded the Greek passenger ship Odysseus Elytis in

Tripoli, where he and his loyalists had been under siege by Syrian-backed PLO mutineers since November 3.

Arafat's stop in Egypt will be his first appearance in the country in more than six years.

The PLO, along with 17 Arab countries, broke off relations with Egypt following its signing of the peace treaty with Israel in March 1979.

But Arafat had stopped coming to Egypt ever since the late president Anwar Sadat visited Jerusalem on November 19, 1977, to launch the drive culminating in the treaty.

Ironically, Arafat was in the Egyptian parliament on November 9, 1977, when Sadat announced he would be ready to go anywhere "including the Knesset" for the sake of peace.

Arafat joined parliamentarians in applauding Sadat. Like most Egyptians, the PLO leader apparently thought Sadat's statement was just a figure of speech.

Despite the absence of formal ties, however, PLO relations with Egypt improved considerably under Mubarak, who has consistently moved to mend fences with Arab detractors.

In Damascus, Khaled Fahoum, chairman of the PLO's Executive Committee, said yesterday he hopes to convene a Palestinian leadership meeting in Damascus by January to avoid the breakup of the PLO.

A senior PLO loyalist official had earlier said Arafat was planning a leadership meeting of all eight PLO factions at his political headquarters in Tunis to prepare for a meeting of the 370-seat PNC.

Shamir says he and Arens agreed on letting PLO go

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir denied yesterday that he and Defence Minister Moshe Arens differed on the policy adopted on the departure of Yasser Arafat and his men from Tripoli.

Shamir was replying to a parliamentary question — the first "oral question" presented in the Knesset under a new procedure introduced yesterday — by Moshe Shahal (Alignment-Labour).

According to press reports, Arens favoured navy action to prevent Arafat from getting away, and navy ships were ready to strike, when he learned that Shamir had assured the U.S. that Israel would not attack the Greek and French ships evacuating

Arafat and his followers. Shamir said that the PLO's murderous strike at a Jerusalem bus on December 6 demonstrated anew that the PLO is Israel's most extreme enemy. Israel had expressed its "protest and amazement" at the UN's giving Arafat's ships the protection of its flag and at the aid given the terrorists by cultured nations.

Arens commented on the same subject shortly afterwards, when he replied to a motion for the agenda by Michael Harish (Alignment-Labour), who said the government had handed Arafat a political victory by making it appear that it would try to block his departure and then failing to do so.

The defence minister said that (Continued on Page 3, Col. 1)

temporarily last week as a Christmas gesture.

Three thousand Christians have left the village, 1,000 of them during the past two days, without incident. Another 2,000 are expected to leave by Christmas on Sunday.

The second large group of evacuees is expected to cross other Druse areas, but this time under the protection only of the Red Cross, since the route is through the western Shouf, an area not under IDF control.

The IDF, however, is expected to continue sending patrols into the western Shouf.

METULLA. — Israel Defence Forces units yesterday left Lebanon's Shouf Mountains, as the first stage of the evacuation of Christian residents from the besieged town of Deir al-Kamar was completed. All IDF troops are now south of the Awali River, it was announced.

The IDF had been overseeing the evacuation, along with the Red Cross. The town has been encircled by Druse forces for the past three months, but the siege was lifted

Lock strike ends after lengthy negotiations

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The stevedores' lod and Haifa harbours went to work yesterday morning, after an agreement to end their 24-hour go-slow strike was reached in Aviv before dawn. Forty-nine others were tied up in and out-

side the two ports yesterday.

The agreement was hammered out at an all-night session of the stevedores' committees, the Ports Authority management and Yisrael Kessar, Histadrut Deputy secretary-general, who nudged the sides together.

The authority conceded an earlier payment of the pay rises — in return for improved efficiency — than it had originally been willing to grant, under strong pressure of the exporters and importers, who were the main losers in the dispute. They are represented on the authority's board.

The authority agreed to a 25 per cent increase of the men's basic pay in return for higher work norms and the reduction of the size of the work gangs. This will mean the laying off of 59 men in Haifa and 80 in Ashdod.

In Haifa, the layoffs are to be made by the end of January. It is expected, however, that they will take more time in Ashdod, where another 200 men are redundant, because they have been resisting the streamlining the Haifa men have cooperated with for the past decade.

Haifa has 670 stevedores and Ashdod 850, though both ports handle similar amounts of cargo.

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The big gain for the workers is that by increasing their basic pay they are raising their pension rights by 25 per cent.

Calculated on a daily work basis they will actually get 34 per cent more for working a full day in the smaller gangs, but due to the slack summer season the workers do not work every day.

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

	21.12.1983	MIN	MAX	
AMSTERDAM	5	41	8	Clear
BRUSSELS	5	38	9	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	17	23	30	Rain
CHICAGO	19	-2	-21	Snow
COPENHAGEN	3	37	5	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	1	34	9	Cloudy
GENEVA	1	30	9	Hazy
HELSINKI	0	32	1	Cloudy
HONG KONG	17	23	30	Clear
JOHANNESBURG	12	20	28	Clear
LONDON	12	50	18	Rain
MADRID	7	45	10	Clear
MONTREAL	8	43	10	Rain
MUNICH	9	18	21	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-5	19	-4	Cloudy
OSLO	-3	27	-2	Snow
PARIS	7	45	12	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	22	27	35	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19	26	32	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	0	32	2	Snow
TOKYO	1	34	9	Clear
TORONTO	-13	9	18	Cloudy
VIENNA	5	41	12	Cloudy
ZURICH	1	30	9	Rain

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Rain in the morning, stopping by evening.

	Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min-Max	Today's Min-Max
Jerusalem	35	7-16	12
Golan	28	6-14	13
Nahariya	33	4-20	10
Safed	40	5-11	18
Haifa Port	31	12-20	18
Tiberias	34	8-21	19
Nazareth	30	7-17	15
Afula	33	2-20	18
Shimon	29	6-17	14
Tel Aviv	57	6-17	16
B-G Airport	50	4-18	16
Jericho	26	4-21	19
Gaza	62	8-18	17
Beersheva	23	5-18	17
Eilat	23	6-22	20

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin yesterday received the Japanese Ambassador to Israel, Kadota Shozo.

He also received the Mayor of Bonn, Hans-Joachim Lauth, and Deputy Mayor Jürgen Endemann, and Hans-Joachim Lauth, a member of the Bundestag and of the West German-Israeli Inter-parliamentary Union Group.

The Prime Minister's award for Yiddish literary work was yesterday given to poet Hersh Osherovich, 75, a native of Lithuania who came to Israel 11 years ago. The director-general of the Prime Minister's Office presented Yitzhak Shamir's congratulations to Osherovich.

Rotary district governor Tuvia Lavie will today make an official visit to the Tel Aviv-Jaffa club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1.15 p.m.

West German wins marathon around Kinneret

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

EIN GEV. — West Germany's Hans Pflisterer yesterday won the Seventh Annual Sea of Galilee International Marathon in two hours and 20 minutes, the slowest winning run in the event's history.

The 29-year-old auto mechanic had to battle 50-kilometre-per-hour winds all the way, however, and observers said that accounted for the sluggish pace of the race.

Second place went to Anastasio Psathis, 32, of Greece, at 2.21.30, and third was Italy's Ennio Colo, 27, 39 seconds behind.

A record 700 athletes, including 220 from abroad, took part in the 42.195-kilometre race, with more than 500 finishing.

French physical education teacher Chantal Langlace, 28, established a new women's record for the Galilee run with a winning time of 2.41.58.

Race favourite Gary Siriano folded after leading for the first 37 kms., and Finland's Olympic silver medalist Kaarlo Maanika pulled out just before the half-way mark.

Ireland's Gerry Staunton took fourth place (2.34.14), while 1981 winner Colin Kirkham of England came in fifth (2.25.12), edging Israel's Yair Karni in sixth place, 47 seconds behind and well short of the minimum required for competition at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Zehava Shmueli also failed to meet her Olympic minimum, as she finished second to Langlace at 2.49.14. Shmueli's sister Mazal Shalom was third, and Colin Kirkham's wife Ann was fourth, both women just falling short of three hours.

Some 50 Finnish and Irish UN personnel also took part in the run.

DRIP OUTLET — Kibbutz Na'an has set up its own outlet in Los Angeles to sell its drip irrigation equipment. The kibbutz believes that sales in the U.S. can reach \$2m. annually.

HOME NEWS

Knesset body votes to cut top officials' pay

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The coalition yesterday won the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee for a 10 per cent cut in the salaries of cabinet ministers and judges. This was achieved by coopting National Religious Party MK Eliezer Avnati instead of Avraham Melamed, who was absent, and by the defections of Alignment MKs Imri Ron and Arye Nehamkin.

When Melamed returned to the committee, he was angered to learn about the vote, because he is in favour of cutting the salaries of

ministers and MKs, but firmly against cutting those of judges. Feeling that he had been deceived, Melamed resolved to vote against the coalition on another issue.

He was given his chance when the coalition asked for approval of IS39 million in loan guarantees to El Al, part of a total package of IS100m. agreed last January, as part of the airline's revitalization plan. Melamed joined the Alignment in voting against the coalition on this and the guarantees were not approved.

The Finance Committee is still to discuss the question of cutting the salaries of MKs.

Italian FM for 2-day visit

Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti said yesterday that his country will do all it could to help bring peace to the Middle East. Arriving at Ben-Gurion Airport for a two-day official visit, he expressed the hope that the Jewish people, "which has experienced war and persecution, will enjoy peace and human rights in the near future."

He was met at the airport by Deputy-Foreign Minister Yehuda Ben-Meir, who expressed appreciation for Italy's contribution towards bringing peace to the region. Italy has troops in all the international

forces in the area, and has the largest contingent in the Multi-National Force in Lebanon.

Ben-Meir said that Israel and Italy are linked not only by geography, but also by history and common values.

Observers said that Lebanon will be the central topic of talks that Andreotti will hold with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, President Chaim Herzog, and leaders of the government and opposition.

Andreotti is meeting Shamir this morning at 11 a.m. at his office in Jerusalem.

Navon to meet with Andreotti by special request

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Former president Yitzhak Navon is to meet today with visiting Italian Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti. The Italian statesman particularly asked that time be made for him to see Navon.

The two men will meet at the Van Leer Foundation in Jerusalem. The session is scheduled between a meeting with an official Labour Party delegation — comprising Shimon Peres and Abba Eban — and a formal dinner hosted by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

This is believed to be the first time a visiting foreign dignitary has included ex-president Navon in his programme, and it is bound to stir up speculation in political quarters given the ongoing Navon-for-leader campaign within the Labour Party.

This campaign was given a boost by an opinion poll published yesterday, which showed Labour doing better under Navon than under either Peres or Yitzhak Rabin.

Navon is still keeping out of the public limelight, as he has done since stepping down from the presidency earlier this year.

ANGER

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The officials noted that Arafat's PLO had assumed responsibility for the bus-bomb in Jerusalem on December 6, which killed six and wounded more than 40.

The government here was hoping privately that the meeting would not take place, despite Mubarak's statement yesterday that he was ready to receive the PLO leader. Policymakers apparently believed that an enraged Israeli reaction before the event might be counterproductive.

"We have no comment on a hypothetical possibility," was the official word at the Foreign Ministry.

Beyond the sense of anger and outrage in Jerusalem, there are plainly also apprehensions in government circles that a Mubarak-Arafat meeting could presage a state of diplomatic action by the militarily weakened PLO.

The PLO leader was quoted aboard ship from Tripoli yesterday as saying the time was right for him to resume his dialogue with Jordan's King Hussein.

If this scenario does unfold, it could quickly bring the Israeli

Soldier reported missing

HERZLIYA (Itim). — A local couple has informed the police that their son, a soldier on conscript duty, has been missing since October. Dora and Leon Kogan said that their son Benny, 19, disappeared from his army unit two months ago, but until now the Military Police dealt with the case.

The Israel Defence Forces authorities are investigating the possibility that the youth's disappearance is connected with the fact that he was unhappy in his unit.

Defence Ministry pay department shut today

The Defence Ministry announced last night that as a result of the office workers' continuing sanctions, the department for payment of suppliers will be closed to the public. Suppliers are asked not to come to the office. (Itim)

Standard daily hospital charge to rise IS6,500 in January

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The uniform fee paid to hospitals for each day that a patient is hospitalized is scheduled to increase on January 1.

The fee will nearly double, from the present IS7,500 per patient/per day to IS14,000, Health Ministry Director-General Professor Baruch Modan told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. In most cases, the hospital is reimbursed directly by the patients' health funds.

The new fee reflects more closely the real cost of medical services following the October devaluation and subsequent price hikes, he said.

Until the devaluation, the national per bed/per diem rate hovered around the equivalent of \$120. But this plummeted rapidly after mid-October to its present level of under \$75 a day, a sum that does not even come close to covering the true cost of hospital services, Modan said.

The January increase will be a boon for public hospitals, whose income depends largely on reimbursements from the health funds for services rendered.

The health funds will have to pay larger sums to the hospital, Modan pointed out.

The Kupat Holim Clalit spokesman said yesterday that discussions are now under way in the Histadrut on the possibility of raising the ceiling on its membership dues. Raising the ceiling would throw the burden of the high-income groups and would obviate the need for a large general increase in Histadrut dues, he said.

But the question of dues is tied up with Kupat Holim Clalit's continuing discussions with the Treasury about the level of support the government will extend to the health fund in the next fiscal year, the spokesman said. Those talks are still going on and it is unlikely that a decision on raising the ceiling will be taken until the level of support is determined, he said.

The health funds will also have to deal with an 85 per cent rise in the fees set for ambulatory services, including emergency rooms, outpatient clinics and X-rays, scheduled to go into effect on January 1.

Raising the standard per bed/per diem will not put the hospitals back on their feet, Modan cautioned. The system of charging standard fees, whether the patient has a simple hernia operation or open-heart surgery, creates tremendous problems for hospitals that handle high proportion of patients needing complicated and expensive treatment, he said.

Modan has proposed the institution of differential-fee system, with hospital fees set according to the real cost of the treatment. This proposal has run into intense opposition from the health funds and from the Treasury which believes this will increase national spending on health care. There are also differences of opinion within the Health Ministry itself over the efficacy of a differential system, Modan told *The Post*.

Knesset votes to discuss plan to halt Sabbath buses

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset yesterday decided, in a close vote, to debate the recent decision of the Transport Ministry to curtail the operation of buses on the Sabbath.

Five defections in the coalition ranks gave the opposition a victory of 44-42 on motions for the agenda presented by Raanan Na'im (Alignment-Labour) and Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui).

Yigal Hurvitz (Likud-Rafi) and Benny Shalita (Likud-Liberal) voted with the opposition for a debate, while Minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat (Independent), Speaker Menachem Savidor and Pinhas Goldstein (both Likud-Liberal) abstained.

In retaliation against this breach of coalition discipline, the Agudat Yisrael boycotted further votes in the House yesterday.

Na'im said that in view of the rash of rapes on girl hitchhikers, the transport minister, by banning public transport on Shabbat, was sending these girls into danger. And all at the behest of the four MKs of Agudat Yisrael.

Virshupski said that for years there had been "co-existence" on the basis that buses did not operate within cities on Shabbat but that inter-urban buses did start running some time before the holy day came to a close. But for the religious, he said, the status quo was actually a jumping-off point for further demands.

Transport Minister Haim Corfu replied that every government of Israel, from Ben-Gurion's time on, has included the status quo on Shabbat transportation in its coalition agreement. The two Likud governments had merely followed the precedent set by its Mapai and Alignment predecessors.

As to the charge that the recent decision to enforce the coalition agreement to the full constitutes a departure from the status quo, Corfu said that this matter is before the High Court of Justice and therefore is not a subject for discussion.

Corfu's attack on the Alignment, for blaming the Likud for carrying out an agreement that it itself had initiated, brought persistent heckling from the Alignment side of the House.

Shalita later issued a statement protesting against the Likud faction's refusal to let him present a motion of his own. He reminded his colleagues that the Sabbath crackdown would cost the Likud votes in the next election.

The coalition suffered a second defeat yesterday when the opposition mustered 42 votes to its 40 to pass, on its preliminary reading, a bill by Ya'acov Gil (Alignment-Labour) to protect the value of pensions.

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad opposed the bill, which would grant pensioners "all the rights enjoyed by other workers." Galloping inflation was eroding the pensions, he said.

The Aguda boycott may have been responsible for the coalition's defeat: if even two of its four members had been present and voted against the bill, the tie vote would have meant the bill's defeat.

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Khan Theatre workers appeal to keep director

Jerusalem Post Staff

The employees of Jerusalem's Khan Theatre have appealed to the Education and Culture Ministry, the Jerusalem Municipality, the Jerusalem Foundation and the theatre management to prevent the resignation of manager Ada Ben-Nahum. They expressed full confidence in her leadership.

Ben-Nahum tendered her resignation yesterday in protest over not being able to implement the theatre's artistic programme because of failure of the authorities to grant the budgets they had promised.

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THE KNESSET/Asher Wallfish

4,000 aliens working here illegally

Estimated 4,000 foreigners are working in Israel illegally and over 1,200 foreigners are working with work permits, the Knesset Affairs Committee was told today.

The director-general of the state employment service, Baruch Tal, said the three main categories of illegal workers are emigrants (mostly Filipinos); Asians doing menial work; and southern European working night shifts in fac-

the Prisons Service is so short of manpower that nobody must be dismissed.

Prisons Commissioner Yitzhak Mordechai Wertheimer noted that even though the new prison in the administered territories, soon to open, will have electronic devices instead of watchtowers, the wardens will have to remain on the 24-hour, 24-hours-off system, which makes it impossible to recruit enough manpower.

Violent crime not up

The Police will not rule out the possibility that some of the recent murders in Israel were perpetrated by terrorists until such a possibility has been proved unfounded, the Knesset Interior Committee was told on Tuesday.

Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of the Police investigations division who made this statement, also quoted statistics proving that crimes of violence had not risen significantly in the first 11 months of 1983.

Carthy said that there were 65 murders this year as compared with 69 in the same period of 1982; 272 indecent acts compared with 294 in 1982; a slight rise in incidence of armed robbery and robbery with extreme violence, and a slight drop in the number of less violent rob-

beries.

He said this was the statistical picture despite the recent acts of violence which have caused public alarm; despite the economic situation, and despite the war in Lebanon.

Media to blame

Likud faction chairman Ronnie Milo attacked Defence Minister Moshe Arens on Tuesday without actually mentioning him by name.

At a meeting between the Likud executive in the Knesset and the Judea and Samaria settlement council about law and order on the highways, Milo said: "Stone-throwing could be cut down to the minimum were it not for the fact that the people who give the orders are apparently influenced by the media."

"That is the reason why the proper measures are not taken against the Arab stone-throwers," Milo said. "When the Alignment is in power, the authorities took whatever measures were necessary, and the media never complained. Now the authorities don't take the necessary measures, yet the media criticizes the government."

Milo, who, like Arens, belongs to the Herut wing of the Likud, heads the pro-Shamir bloc in Herut.

For families to be exempt from school levy

Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad promised today that low-income groups will be exempt from proposed education fee. He said only 300,000 of the 1.5 million families, "the great majority of which are required by law to be in school," will have to pay the levy.

Cohen-Orad was replying to the debate on the Education Fee which passed its first reading by a vote of 30-47, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Ben-Zion (Tami) said on Monday that he would vote against the bill. But neither he nor Labour Minister Uzan was present for the vote, Yigal Hurvitz

(Likud-Rafi) abstained.

The bill levies a monthly fee of IS\$85, linked to the September 1983 index and thus already standing at IS\$16, on every family that has at least one child in school. The minister said that the fee will contribute only 152 billion to this year's IS\$80b. education budget (both figures at September prices).

Cohen-Orad's undertaking that the bill will apply to only 300,000 families was apparently based on the provision authorizing him, in consultation with the minister of education, to exempt various groups from payment of the levy "in view of their economic and family situation."

Public urged to limit use of electricity

By LEA LEVAVI

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Electric Corporation is urging consumers to help lessen the load on the country's electrical supply this winter during the peak period from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

At a press conference here yesterday, engineer Moshe Zisman, head of the company's Dan Region district, explained that if people use too many appliances at one-time, the electrical system cannot bear the burden.

"The fact that industry does not use electricity during those hours is irrelevant," he said. "People don't realize that there is a limit to how much electricity they can use in their homes at one time" without overloading the system.

In houses built after 1976, the maximum is 5,500 watts; 4,000 in houses built between 1965 and 1976 and sometimes as little as 2,200 watts at one time in houses built before 1965. A booklet, which will be available from any Electric Corporation office from next week, will give consumers the average wattage for most electrical appliances. Appliances are supposed to carry an indication of how many watts they use.

Triplets once again at Rothschild Hospital

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A local woman gave birth to triplets by Caesarean section on Monday at Rothschild Hospital here, after undergoing hormone fertility treatment. It was the second set of triplets born at the hospital in a month. The babies, two girls and a boy, weighed between 1.5 and 1.7 kilograms each. They are being kept under observation in the hospital's premature-baby unit, where their condition yesterday was described as satisfactory. The mother, 28-year-old Yehudit Toaff, has no other children.

Longer visiting hours on Temple Mount

Jerusalem Post Reporter

For the first time since Allan Goodman ran amok on the Temple Mount in April 1982, visiting hours for non-Muslims have been extended beyond noon.

Acting on the personal request of Mayor Teddy Kollek, the Moslem Council, the supreme Moslem body in Jerusalem, agreed to extend visiting hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. instead of the current 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. up to now.

Goodman was sentenced to life imprisonment plus 40 years for murder and attempted murder in a rampage with an M-16 rifle on the mount.

UN adopts five anti-Israel resolutions

UNITED NATIONS, (JTA) — The UN General Assembly on Tuesday adopted five resolutions calling for sanctions against Israel and denouncing the recent agreement between Israel and the U.S. on closer strategic cooperation.

Yehuda Blum, Israel's ambassador to the UN, condemned the resolutions, charging that instead of defusing tension and promoting reconciliation, the resolutions "add more fuel to the fire" of the Middle East conflict.



Aniela Rubinstein, widow of the pianist, seals in the urn containing his ashes which were buried yesterday, the first anniversary of his death, in the Arthur Rubinstein grove, near Jerusalem. Mayor Teddy Kollek assists. One of the Rubinstein's daughters, Alina, is behind them. (Ya'acov Haruti)

Pianist's ashes interred in forest near Jerusalem

By YOCHANAN BOEHM
Post Music Editor

On the first anniversary of Arthur Rubinstein's death his last wish, to be laid to rest in his beloved Judean Hills near Jerusalem, was finally fulfilled.

At a simple ceremony yesterday afternoon, his ashes were interred in a grove named after him, in the forest close to the Kennedy Memorial.

Members of his family, representatives of musical organizations in Israel with which he had been closely connected and friends, met at the site to recall the great pianist and man on his 70th (death anniversary).

Ram Eylon recited Psalms 122 and 130 in Hebrew and in English. Zvi Litvak, of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, recalled an occasion when Rubinstein, for once, conducted the orchestra.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek read a letter in which Rubinstein described his feelings when planting the first tree in "his" grove. The mayor recalled Rubinstein's great love for Israel and, particularly, for Jerusalem. "If he could have chosen

the location for the grove, he would most probably have chosen this very spot where the memorial forest grows, with its glorious view of the Judean Hills and the Holy City in the distance," said the mayor.

Shlomo Mintz played the Surabande from Bach's Solo Sonata in G minor, and waltzes were laid on the memorial stone by the widow Aniela Rubinstein and their daughter Eva and Alina on behalf of the family, the IPO, the Jerusalem Foundation, the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the American-Israel Cultural Foundation, the Jerusalem Music Centre and the International Rubinstein Society. A bouquet was placed on the stone by Miss Annabelle Whitestone, his companion in his later years.

Yesterday evening, a concert in his honour was held at the Jerusalem Theatre. The Tel Aviv Siring Quartet, with Pinna Saltzman, piano, and Marcel Bergman, cello, performed the Piano Quintet by Robert Schumann and the String Quintet by Franz Schubert. This concert was held in the presence of President Chaim Herzog, under Kollek's patronage.

Ata fires 100 workers, more dismissals due

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — One hundred workers of the troubled Ata textile concern have been dismissed from the company's Kordaneh and Kiyat Ata factories, The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday.

Management wishes to dismiss 550 workers from its plants in Haifa and the north as part of its plans to streamline the company's operation. Non-profitable production lines, including towels and diapers, are to be cut.

Most of the operations Ata plans to cut are at the Kordaneh and

Kiyat Ata factories, where the works committees are considering management's proposal for the early dismissal of another 284 workers.

Works committee chairman Pinhas Groob said the workers deeply regretted the dismissals, but there appeared to be "no alternative" in view of the company's economic difficulties.

"We have concluded that certain production lines have to be cut if the company is to survive, which means, sadly, that hundreds of workers will have to be dismissed."

The committee has not agreed to management proposals to introduce a five-day work week and eliminate

the breakfast break. "These are matters that we feel should be discussed after we have got over the very difficult question of dismissals," Groob said.

The committee rejected a suggestion that workers also take a cut in wages. "We will not accept any reduction in salaries even by one lira," said Groob.

The remainder of the dismissals to make up the 550 total will be at Ata's small plants and sewing workshops in Carmiel, Yotkat, Nazareth and Tiberias. Management is to meet workers' representatives at these places soon.

Cardiologists: Shcharansky must go to hospital

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two top Israeli cardiac experts said yesterday that Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shcharansky is "seriously ill" and must be transferred "immediately" from Chistopol Prison to a good hospital.

Dr. Zvi Schlesinger, director of the Heart Institute at Assaf Harofe Medical Centre and an associate professor of cardiology at Tel Aviv University; and Dr. Henry Neufeld, director of the Haim Sheba Medical Centre Heart Institute and professor of medicine at Tel Aviv University offered their professional opinion on the basis of a detailed description of his symptoms in Shcharansky's recent letters to his mother.

Schlesinger told a press conference in Jerusalem's Beit Agra that the 35-year-old Prisoner of Zion was healthy before he began to serve his 13-year sentence for al-

leged treason and espionage nearly seven years ago. In his letters to his mother, Shcharansky complained of severe chest pains and disturbances in his heart rhythm, as well as allergic reactions to medication.

"It is impossible to lie on my left side for even a minute. This leads to an immediate and drastic increase in the pain, which lasts for a long time," Shcharansky wrote. "A few days ago I found a hole over my heart to one of the shirts that you sent me. This past year I have instinctively massaged my heart through my shirt — something that gives me the illusion of some relief. This apparently was what made the hole." He added that an electrocardiogram done in prison did not show a heart attack.

The two cardiologists said that the results of the electrocardiogram do not contradict their diagnosis: angina pectoris, coronary insufficiency, arrhythmia and coronary disease. Schlesinger noted that As-

saf Harofe, which treats prisoners at Ramle and Ma'asiyahu prisons, would be ordered to transfer any prisoner in such a condition.

British historian Martin Gilbert, who recently visited the Soviet Union, said that the condition of Soviet Jewry has seriously deteriorated, and that in the last 18 months no released Prisoner of Zion has been allowed to emigrate to Israel.

More than 10,000 Jews are known to have been refused permission to emigrate, and 300,000 are known to have applied. Shcharansky, whose "crimes against Russia" are described in the Soviet news media nearly every week, is being used as an example to frighten other Jews into forgetting about emigration, Gilbert said.

He added that according to Soviet law, Shcharansky — being seriously ill and having served more than half his sentence — may be released from prison.

Police: Flat sold 29 times in suspected mortgage fraud

By YORAM LEVY

Item Reporter

Three Jerusalemites are being held by the police on suspicion of cheating the Housing Ministry out of IS\$600 million by selling an apartment 29 times.

A bank clerk from the Jerusalem Mortgage Bank, whose name was withheld from publication, was remanded for eight days by the Jerusalem Magistrates Court; Ahmed Abu Juma'a, a contractor, was remanded for 10 days; and his partner, Rafik al-Hatib, was remanded for five days.

The police charge that prospective clients would apply to the bank for a mortgage to buy the apartment of Abu Juma'a in Jerusalem's a-Tur neighbourhood. It is alleged that they would later be persuaded to

pay the mortgage money to Abu Juma'a and receive kickbacks. The bank clerk is suspected of approving the mortgages and receiving his share of the money. The money was converted from shekels to Jordanian dinars.

Abu Juma'a told the police that he paid the bank clerk 500 to 600 dinars on each deal and that he had paid him more than 15,000 dinars (IS\$1 million).

The clerk maintained in court that it was he who had uncovered the fraud scheme more than one month ago and reported it to his superiors. He said he was very badly off, which proved that he had not been receiving bribes. He further maintained that he had informed the police about the crime before he was arrested.

DOCK STRIKE

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a third shift (the ports usually work two shifts only), and this will be done whenever a freighter needs extra time to complete loading, so as not to stay overnight.

The men are reportedly eager to do as much as possible in an effort to recoup in the remaining 11 days of the month the pay they lost during the first 20, when they did neither premiums nor overtime, which comprise most of their wages.

Arye Mehoulat, the director of the Shippers Council, which represents the importers and exporters, said it would take several weeks before the shipping lines can get back to their normal sailing schedules.

The shipowners' losses will amount to about \$10 million, which they are recouping by the delay surcharges they have imposed on the cargo owners. 15 per cent on im-

ports and 5 per cent on exports. The council has demanded that the Ports Authority, whose own losses from the strike have been nominal, cover at least the exports surcharge.

Mehoulat stressed that the exporters will have to fight to regain the goodwill of their customers, some of whom have lost patience with Israeli companies that fail to deliver in time. He noted that this was Ashdod harbour's third strike this year, following stoppages in January and March.

EXTRAORDINARY CHAIR. — Former Tel Aviv University president Haim Ben-Shahar is to receive the university's third extraordinary chair for economic policy, which is to be inaugurated by former president Yitzhak Navon. The other two such chairs are held by physicist and Science and Development Minister Yuval Ne'eman and cardiologist Henry Neufeld.

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Arlosoroff's widow 'sure' of guilt of accused

TEL AVIV (JTA). — The son of

Haim Arlosoroff yesterday told the commission of inquiry investigating the Labour leader's murder that his mother never had any doubts that he was killed by Abraham Stavsky and Zvi Rosenblatt.

Shaul Arlosoroff told the inquiry that he welcomed the investigation to ensure that "verbal violence leading to murder is prevented in the future."

He said that his mother, Sima, kept a diary, part of which was stolen when he moved house. He had spent thousands of hours, he said, talking to his mother about the murder and it would have been im-

possible for her to hide anything from him. Furthermore she had an incredible "photographic" memory.

His mother believed to the end of her life in 1976 that she had correctly identified Stavsky and Rosenblatt as the murderers, he testified.

Stavsky and Rosenblatt were found guilty of the murder, but acquitted on appeal for lack of corroborating evidence. The two were members of the Revisionist Party, which said at the time that the Arlosoroff case was used to libel the movement. Former prime minister Menachem Begin set up the inquiry commission to correct what he saw as a historic injustice.

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REAGAN CALLS REGION 'TINDERBOX'

'A war no one wants can start in M.E.'

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — President Ronald Reagan warned that "the Middle East is a tinderbox," declaring: "It is the one place that could start a war that no one wanted."

At a nationally televised White House news conference on Tuesday night, Reagan spoke of the Middle East's importance "to the free world and our allies. We can't just turn away and say if we don't look, it will go away."

Most of the questions were devoted to the situation in Lebanon and elsewhere in the Middle East. Reagan did not break much new ground in his answers, although he underlined his desire to bring the Marines home as quickly as possible.

He gave no date for a pull out and again insisted that domestic U.S. politics are not going to play any role in his decision making.

He said the Marines are very important in strengthening peace prospects and referred to the many letters he had received from the Lebanese thanking him for the continued U.S. military role.

He insisted that diplomatic

progress is being achieved in stabilizing Lebanon. At the same time, he urged President Amin Jemayel to take additional steps to broaden the base of his government by bringing in other opposition Lebanese leaders.

Regarding the recently improved strategic ties with Israel, the president, like other administration officials, clearly sought to play down the importance of the decisions announced during Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's talks in Washington late last month. Thus he denied that any "pact" had been signed. He maintained that the agreements represent only "a reaffirmation" of the close U.S.-Israeli ties that have existed since 1948.

He noted that he had urged Shamir to accept a similarly close U.S. relationship with moderate Arab states as a "catalyst," in promoting the peace process. "We have to befriend all those countries," he said.

Reagan refused to comment on a Congressional report criticizing the Marines for last October's suicide truck bombing in Beirut that resulted in 241 Marines being killed. He said he was studying it as well as another long report just completed

by the Pentagon itself. This second report has not yet been made public, although it, too, is reportedly critical of the Marines for failing to take enough security precautions.

Reagan expressed the belief that the security for the Marines today is adequate, although he predicted that additional terrorist incidents will be attempted against them. He voiced continued confidence in General Kelly, the Marine commandant who earlier had denied any negligence in protecting the troops.

At the same time, he sought to play down the recently escalated security precautions taken in the U.S. at federal buildings. He pointed out that the number of terrorist incidents in the U.S. so far this year was 31 — as opposed to 52 last year. Still, he suggested it is better to err on the side of caution and to be safe, not sorry.

Reviewing the history of the turmoil in Lebanon, he pointed to the destabilizing role of the PLO. He appeared to defend Israel's initial decision to enter Lebanon and clear out a 40-kilometre zone because the PLO had crossed into northern Israel and "preyed on citizens

there."

The president said Syria is the main "stumbling block" in winning the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon. Israel, he said, had signed an agreement promising to leave. Israel is still ready and even anxious to pull out, he added. "Syria reneged on that promise," he said.

Reagan again promised to do everything possible to protect the Marines. The U.S. troops, he said, will continue to respond if anyone shoots at them.

Regarding the captured U.S. pilot in Damascus, Major Robert Goodman, the president said the U.S. is doing everything possible to obtain Goodman's speedy release. He referred to the latest meetings in Syria by special Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld. "Yes," Reagan said, "we want that young man back. We're not missing any possibility."

The president also expressed hope that more Arab states will follow the path of Egypt and make peace with Israel. He said he was encouraged by the latest statements coming from the "moderate" Arabs who are ready to "acknowledge" the existence of Israel.



Comedian Bob Hope waves from the ramp of a military airliner at Van Nuys, California, Tuesday as he departs on his Christmas trip. Among celebrities going along are comedian-actress Ann Jillian (bottom) and Cathy Lee Crosby, hostess of *That's Incredible*. (UPI telephoto)

Bob Hope to amuse U.S. Lebanon troops

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Comedian Bob Hope packed 140,000 chocolate-chip cookies and 3,000 Christmas greetings into a U.S. Navy plane and left Tuesday to entertain the 1,600 U.S. servicemen stationed in Lebanon.

This trip marks the 30th time Hope, 80, has volunteered to bolster the spirits of American troops far from home for the holidays. It is his first such trip since 1972, when he took an entourage to Vietnam. His first was in 1943.

Before takeoff, Hope joked that he had asked Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger to have the word "friend" emblazoned on his plane's hull to dissuade hostile gunners. He also displayed a camouflage golf club.

Spokesman Ken Kantor said Hope's entertainment troupe will do "at least 10 shows" aboard different ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet patrolling the Lebanese coast. Soldiers stationed ashore are to be ferried to ships for the performances.

Because of the near-daily shelling and sniper attacks on the U.S. Marine base near Beirut International Airport, there were no plans to let the troupe set foot in Lebanon, although a spokesman said Hope had requested that.

Reuter reports from Washington that Americans have sent more than 30,000 Christmas cards to Lieutenant Robert Goodman Jr., a navy flier shot down and captured by Syrian troops in Lebanon on December 4.

Four hurt in bombings in Istanbul and Ankara

ISTANBUL. — Four people were reported injured after two bombs exploded in Ankara and Istanbul early yesterday, in attacks similar to recent blasts in Kuwait and Lebanon.

The explosions rocked central Istanbul and Ankara hours after Turkish military authorities said they had defused a car bomb in the Aegean port of Izmir between a U.S. officers club and a French cultural centre.

Police sources in Ankara said a car full of explosives blew up in the central district of Tandoğan at 5.40 a.m., badly damaging surrounding buildings and shattering windows over a wide area.

Police sources later said one person had been injured. The sources said the bomb had been planted by a person of Arab origin, indicating they had made an arrest.

In Istanbul, two gunmen threw a bomb at an Ottoman fountain near the Iraqi consulate moments after eluding a security guard who stopped them in the vicinity of the building, police sources said.

The bomb triggered a powerful explosion that shattered windows panes of houses in the area. Eyewitnesses said three occupants of a newspaper delivery truck were injured by flying rocks near the fountain when the bomb exploded.

Almost at the same time, a powerful explosion rocked a residential street in the Bahcelievler district of Ankara, again shattering windows and blowing up underground gas pipes.

In London, an anonymous caller to the Associated Press bureau said the Islamic Dawa party claimed "full responsibility" for both bombings. The caller said they were "retaliation action to the crimes committed by the regime of Iraq."

The Islamic Dawa is a pro-Iranian, Iraqi-based Moslem fundamentalist group. Kuwaiti officials have blamed Iraqi and Sab'ite members of the group for the December 12 attacks against the U.S. and French embassies and civilian establishment in Kuwait.

In Kuwait, Justice Minister Sheikh Salman al-Duaig al-Sabah said yesterday that a date will be announced "within days" for the trial of the 10, said to belong to the Islamic Dawa, who are in police custody.

Pakistani thieves to lose hands and feet
KARACHI (Reuters). — A Pakistani court has sentenced two thieves to amputation of their right hands and left feet for stealing \$50 and three wrist watches.

The sentence must be approved by Pakistan's highest Islamic tribunal in Islamabad.

Martial-law ruler Gen. Mohammad Zia ul-Haq introduced strict Islamic penalties like flogging and amputation after taking power in 1977, but no one has yet lost a hand for theft.

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Hazinski said the hands have moved 11 times in the history of the magazine.

The publication was founded in 1945 by scientists of the Manhattan Project, which developed the atomic bomb. Adams said the publication has an international circulation of 25,000.

U.S., Soviets join forces to oppose missile motion

UNITED NATIONS. — The United States and the Soviet Union joined Tuesday in voting against a General Assembly resolution calling for an interim agreement on the control of medium-range missiles in Europe.

The resolution, of Rumanian origin, won the backing of a majority of Third World countries and was adopted 88-31, with 24 abstentions.

It urged the two superpowers "to make every effort to reach an agreement at their bilateral negotiations in Geneva, or at least to agree on a provisional basis that no medium-range missiles are deployed and the number of existing ones is reduced."

The Soviet Union broke off negotiations last month after the U.S. began deploying medium-range missiles in Western Europe.

The U.S. supported and the Soviet Union rejected another resolution urging them to complete "bilateral negotiations at Geneva." That resolution was adopted 99-18, with 24 abstentions.

The Soviet Union supported and the U.S. alone opposed a related resolution that urged both governments to consider, "as a way out from the present impasse, the possibility of combining into a single forum" their suspended negotiations on both medium-range and intercontinental ballistic missiles and of "broadening their scope so as to embrace also the tactical or 'battlefield' nuclear weapons." That resolution was adopted 122-1, with 25 abstentions.

The General Assembly recessed after an emotional appeal by its president for the superpowers to

draw back from nuclear confrontation and resume negotiations.

Assembly President Jorge Illueca of Panama described the current state of the world as "a gloomy panorama of despair" and said it had steadily and sharply deteriorated.

"In the name of all peoples, I urge in particular the two governments most directly concerned, namely the United States and the Soviet Union, to ponder these questions."

The session, which began on September 20 and was the busiest ever with 145 agenda items, is expected to resume in February or March, when six remaining items will go to debate.

These include the Cyprus question, the Iran-Iraq war and the global negotiations on economic problems.

The UN Security Council strong-

ly condemned what it termed "South Africa's continued military occupation of Southern Angola" and demanded that it withdraw its troops forthwith.

Fourteen of the 15 members voted for the resolution. The U.S. abstained. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the U.S. delegate, said this was because the U.S. did not want to jeopardize efforts to resolve Southern African problems peacefully.

South Africa offered last week to disengage its forces in Angola at the end of January, an offer Kirkpatrick said offered new hope and which she said the U.S. hoped would succeed.

Elisio de Figueiredo, the Angolan delegate, said a new offensive was mounted by South Africa last Friday after the disengagement offer was announced. (AP, Reuter)

UK sees Hitchcock's death-camp film

LONDON (Reuters). — Excerpts from a film made by Alfred Hitchcock on Nazi concentration camps, previously unseen by the public, were shown on British television last night.

The documentary, made at the end of World War II with the advance of Allied troops into Germany, was discovered recently in the archives of London's Imperial War Museum.

The film was apparently not released at the time because of fears it would undermine reconstruction efforts in post-war Germany.

"Hitchcock did not flinch from

showing the full horror of what had happened," said a spokesman for Independent Television News, which provided the film.

He said some of the worst scenes at the Buchenwald and Belsen camps had not been included. But those shown included shots of inmates and the emaciated survivors walking aimlessly around the compounds.

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House arrest for Bulgarian in papal plot

ROME (AP). — Judicial authorities yesterday granted provisional liberty to an imprisoned Bulgarian accused of complicity in the 1981 attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II, defence lawyers announced.

Sergei Ivanov Antonov left Rome's Rebibbia Prison yesterday for Rome apartment where he will be under house arrest.

The decision came a week after

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Police arrest four persons in IRA bombing of Harrods

LONDON (AP). — Police hunting Irish Republican Army terrorists who bombed Harrods department store arrested four persons yesterday in early-morning raids, Scotland Yard announced.

A Yard spokesman said the four are being held for questioning under Britain's Prevention of Terrorism Act.

The spokesman refused to say whether those taken into custody are suspects in the department store bombing Saturday, in which five persons were killed and 92 others injured.

Press Association, the British domestic news agency, reported without attribution that it is believed the four are IRA sympathizers who had been under surveillance since Saturday's blast.

Earlier, Scotland Yard said it was hoping to release an artist's sketch of a prime suspect in the car-bomb explosion.

Commander William Huckleby, head of the Yard's anti-terrorist branch, said detectives have obtained a good description of the man who last month bought the

Austin sedan in which the bomb was hidden.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, speaking in Parliament yesterday, said Irish-Americans must share in the blame for IRA violence, because of the aid they give to the war to end British rule in Northern Ireland and merge the Protestant-dominated province into the heavily Roman Catholic Irish Republic.

Thatcher is to meet with her cabinet today to discuss a ban on Sinn Féin, the outlawed IRA's legal political wing.

In Dublin, the Irish government decided on Tuesday against an immediate ban on Sinn Féin, partly on grounds it might hand the movement a propaganda initiative and drive informers underground. Similar motives are expected to prevail against a quick British ban.

VISITOR. — Zbigniew Brzezinski, U.S. national security adviser during the Carter administration, arrived in Cairo yesterday on a nine-day private visit, the official Middle East News Agency said.

Atom scientists advance 'Doomsday Clock'

CHICAGO (AP). — The symbolic "Doomsday Clock" on the cover of *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* will inch one minute closer to midnight tonight suggesting the world is nearer to nuclear war than it has been in more than 30 years.

The hands on the clock will move from four minutes before midnight to three minutes, symbolizing increased U.S.-Soviet tensions and an escalating arms race, said Ruth Adams, editor of the monthly magazine.

The time on the clock, pictured on the magazine since 1947, changes when scientists who run the

publication agree on an increased or decreased threat of nuclear war.

This week's action "represents the almost complete break (of communications between) the two superpowers," said Adams. "We're speaking of the failure of outbacks or control of new nuclear weapons."

"The world has become increasingly militaristic. We pursue security by means of weapons and strategy," she added.

The change in the clock will coincide with scientists' presentation of their views at news conferences in Washington, London, Stockholm and Tokyo.

The Soviets recently walked out of intermediate-range missile talks in Europe after the arrival of the first U.S. Pershing 2 and cruise missiles in Europe to counter Soviet missiles. Two other sets of U.S.-Soviet negotiations on conventional arms and strategic weapons have been suspended.

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Thursday, Dec. 22	Moroccan Wedding	Gerard Behar Centre	Jerusalem	8.30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26	Moroccan Wedding	Neve Tzedek Theatre Centre	Tel Aviv	
Thursday, Dec. 29	Steps and Sounds (Israeli Communities)	Neve Tzedek Theatre Centre	Tel Aviv	8.00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9	Steps and Sounds (Israeli Communities)	Gerard Behar Centre	Jerusalem	8.30 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 15	Steps and Sounds (Israeli Communities)	Neve Tzedek Theatre Centre	Tel Aviv	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 17	Steps and Sounds (Israeli Communities)	Neve Tzedek Theatre Centre	Tel Aviv	8.00 p.m.

Tickets and performances can be booked at the Inbal office, Tel. 03-653711, 652788. In Tel Aviv, tickets at Casral, Tel. 03-444725, and at the theatre, on evening of performance. In Jerusalem, tickets at the Gerard Behar Centre, Tel. 02-224166.

Sports

The super-champs

Post Sports Staff and agencies

Aberdeen, holders of the European Cupwinners Cup add another chapter to a glorious year by defeating SV Hamburg 2-0 Tuesday night to win the Europa Super-Cup.

Second-half goals by N Simpson and Mark McGhee saw the West Germans in the prestigious annual confrontation between holders of Europe's two major cup competitions.

Hamburg were the holders of Champions Cup.

In Split, Yugoslavia clinched its place in the finals of the Europa Championship by scoring in the second of extra time to beat Bulgaria 3-2, thus robbing Wales a place. No English team will play next year's finals in France.

In Birmingham, a second-half equalizer Birmingham City's acting captain Mick Ford restricted holders Liverpool to a 1-1 and forced a fourth round English League replay here on Tuesday night. Liverpool secured a quarter-final trip to She Wednesday as they edged to captain G. Soneira's 26th-minute goal, his fourth in a competition.

But in the 74th minute, Hartford turned sixth goal of the season when full back Hagan, looking at least two metres offside, headed Steven Sorenson's long pass down right wing and crossed low into the goal. In Rio De Janeiro, major television net said federal police arrest of two men on Tuesday in connection with the theft of the Jules Klauter Cup, soccer's most coveted trophy.

Costly gamb

NEW YORK (AP). — With San Antonio behind by two points, George Garvin on a hot streak, Spurs might have been expected to go to the four-time scoring champion with two seconds left of the game.

But Spurs' big men Artis Gilmore and Edgar Jones already had fouled out, so coach Mo McHone went a three-point goal instead. Aor gamble resulted in a 108-106 loss to the Washington Bullets on Tuesday night.

"We had to go for three," McHone said after Johnny Moore tried and missed the last game-winning three-pointer. "We had a chance to win on another overtime."

"They didn't get the ball to me at the said Garvin, who hit 20 of 30 shots and scored 40 points. "We'll have to work on that. It's more with us than their defense."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Detroit 104; Atlanta 98, New Jersey 87; City 131, Denver 114; Los Angeles 108; 102; and Phoenix 109. Golden State 102.

Juniors triumph

Post Sports Staff

Gilad Bloom achieve remarkable win in the Under Orange Junior Championship Miami, when he beat the American No. 1 champion in this age group Cary Kornhauer, 6-2, 6-3 in the second round. Bloom had defeated Ohana Silva of Portugal 2, 6-0 in the first round.

Amos Mansdorf won his round match against Steve Ken (U.S.) 6-4, 7-5.

Other Israeli first round success were achieved by Raviv Weis (Under 14), and Yuval Hirsch, Ryal and Doron Gertel (U 12).

SPORTOTO TIPS

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Fifteen punters are to forecast correctly all 13 games on the 5 football coupon last week, each will win \$12,000. Twelve right won \$537,000, results collected \$54,000 and those who results got richer by \$54,000. Sportsoto announced a minimum \$540 payout after this week's games.

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Bnei Yehuda vs. H. Asdod	1
Mac Netanya vs. Yehud	1
Lod vs. Mac PT	1
Mac Haifa vs. Mac Jaffa	1
Yotam vs. Bnei J'm	2
Bnei Yehuda vs. Hap. TA	2
Jap. J'm vs. Holo	2
Bnei Shee' vs. Hap. Haifa	2
K. Shimon vs. Hap. Haifa	1
Hap. PT. vs. Hap. Sava	1
R. Gm vs. Holo	1

GRAY'S 1983 BUSINESSMAN'S SQUASH LEAGUE

RESULTS — Saturday, Dec. 17, 1983

Anglo-Saxon	4	Barak Sportswear	7
Burger Ranch	5	Avi Marble Coverings	7
Sabra Sengra	5	Dunlop-Ar 5 Soms	5
Disenburs Travel	5	Taste of Israel	7
South African Airways	—	bye	

Burger Ranch	22	Sabra Sengra	23
South African Airways	31	Avi Marble Coverings	23
Taste of Israel	27	Barak Sportswear	22
Disenburs Travel	27	Anglo-Saxon	20
Dunlop-Ar 5 Soms	27		

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International lending continues to slow down

BASEL (AP). — International lending declined sharply in the first half of 1983, dropping to \$10 billion from a total of \$22b. during the second half of last year, the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) reported this week.

The bi-annual review attributed the trend to "continuing debt-servicing problems, particularly in the developing countries, and the resultant reluctance of banks to increase their exposure to problem debtor countries, a more cautious attitude to the international inter-bank market and the stagnation of international trade."

It also noted a shift toward longer term loans.

New credits to Latin America, however, held up relatively well, thanks to the officially arranged support operations for Mexico and Brazil, but remained far below the level registered in the first half of 1982, according to the BIS.

The review listed accelerated withdrawals of deposits by OPEC countries, and a partial reversal of an earlier strong deposit build-up by the Soviet Union.

Asian developing countries continued to add to their deposits with the reporting banks, the agency said.

Individual comments included:

Asia — Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, India and China recorded "marked increases in their unused credit facilities during the first half of 1983." India and Taiwan also added "substantially" to their deposits with the reporting banks. "The top performer was, however, China," whose deposits with the reporting banks exceeded its debts by nearly \$10b.

Middle East — the banks' liabilities to Middle Eastern countries declined by \$16.4b., chiefly because of Saudi Arabian withdrawals totalling \$10.1b. "A number of other countries within the group, notably Iran, Iraq and

Libya, also drew down their balances with the reporting banks." Africa — unused credit commitments to Nigeria shrank by \$1.1b., making up 30.7 per cent of the country's total banking debts to mid-1983, as against 64 per cent in 1981. In contrast, Algeria recorded a marked increase in its unused credit facilities.

Gas plant for Abu Dhabi (Reuters). — A new \$379 million gas plant will meet all Abu Dhabi's industrial requirements when it starts production by next April, an oil newsletter said yesterday.

As result of higher bank charges People will use banks more prudent

By MACABEE DEAN

TEL AVIV. — The money habits of the average breadwinner are now changing — but not in the direction of a "cash" society. Workers will continue to get their monthly pay deposited directly in the bank, and they will not insist on being paid in person, either by cheque or in cash. This is the consensus of a roundup of several bank managers yesterday. "Nobody is going to avoid the banks just because the service fees are being raised," one banker said. He added that having a pay cheque cashed at the corner grocery will not come back in fashion. And carrying cash can also be dangerous. Moreover, bank fees are not really being raised all that much. They are just being "adjusted" to compensate for inflation as well as to cover the real cost of services performed. One banker thought that considerable pressure would have to be

imposed on employers before they agreed to pay wages in cash or by cheque. The simple reason is that an employer enjoys considerable benefits by paying through a bank. If he doesn't have enough money to cover his payroll, he can automatically obtain credit for a few days. This helps him conduct his business more efficiently. And paying each worker directly, having them line up once a month, will also be a costly thing.

But what is going to happen is a much closer control of money. Breadwinners are going to think twice before taking an overdraft, or using their credit cards when they don't have money in the bank. For overdrafts will be much more expensive, the banker said.

Moreover, a lot of persons will when they get their salary at the beginning of the month, arrange to put away about half of it for two

weeks or so in short-term in earning time deposits. This will preserve the value of their money. Others will probably put a goodly part in *patam* (d equivalent) accounts and cash bit every week.

There will be a tendency to fewer cheques and to pay elec and telephone bills, municipa and perhaps even insu premiums through standing at the bank. This will save a money.

Automatic bank teller ma are likely to be used much both to withdraw money a make deposits.

The bottom line of the among bankers is that the pi going to be much more caref its money. As one banker "Householders are now going a spate of stretching their fu much as possible."

SYNOPSIS OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS OF The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Canada (000's omitted)

1. Synopsis of Consolidated Accounts of the Head Office Abroad

SYNOPSIS OF BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1981 and 1982

	1981	1982		1981	1982
Investments	\$ 6,479,507	\$ 7,479,070	Capital, Funds and Balances	\$ 764,162	\$ 832,003
Fixed Assets	31,064	50,270	Life Insurance Reserves	5,610,379	6,573,935
Other Assets	420,654	508,659	Reserve for Unrealized risks in General Insurance	8,043	9,274
			Pending Claims	35,511	43,211
			Other Liabilities	512,130	580,576
	\$ 6,931,225	\$ 8,038,999		\$ 6,931,225	\$ 8,038,999

DETAILS OF INSURANCE BUSINESS AND OF PROFITS FOR THE YEARS 1981 AND 1982

	1981	1982		1981	1982
Life Insurance Premiums	\$ 1,260,595	\$ 1,225,421			
General Insurance Premiums	3,320	4,807			
Profits (loss) on Life Insurance	38,067	10,469			
Profits (losses) on General Insurance	(1) 376	(4,494)			
Income from Investments, net of expenses not set off against business account	4,518	5,293			
Business Profit (before allocation)	38,691	5,875			

2. DETAILS OF BUSINESS IN ISRAEL

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEARS 1981 AND 1982

	1981	1982		1981	1982
Premiums and Policy fees for Life Insurance	IS 11,701	IS 24,445			
Premiums and Policy fees for General Insurance	0	0			
Profit (loss) on Life Insurance	(1) 6,758	(1) 2291			
Profit (loss) on General Insurance	0	0			
Income from Investments net of expenses not set off against Business Account	0	0			
Business Profit (loss)* before Income Taxes of IS NIL (1981) and IS NIL (1982)	(1) 6,758	(1) 2291			
IS Liabilities in Israel	IS 27, 589	IS 65,083			
Recognized Investments in Israel	IS 26,957	59,777			
Deficit on Investments in Israel	(1) 632	(1) 5,306			

NOTES:

- As required by the Israeli Department of Market of Capital, Insurance and Savings, foreign currencies in the above statements for 1981 and 1982 were translated into Israel Shekels respectively at the following representative rates provided by the Bank of Israel:
As at December 31, 1982: Can \$ 1.00 = IS 27.2988; US \$ 1.00 = IS 33.45; £ Sterling 1.00 = IS 54.2859
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- * Net of Profit-Tax (VAT) of IS NIL (1981) and IS NIL (1982)
- Certain comparative figures reported in the above "Synopsis of Consolidated Accounts of the Head Office Abroad" have been reclassified to conform to the manner of presentation adopted for 1982.
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MKs warn of danger agricultural exports face in Europe Spain, Portugal are formidable competitors

By ASHER WALLFISH

An eight-man Knesset delegation which attended the Parliament of Europe's annual dialogue with the Knesset in Strasbourg last week reported yesterday that two-thirds of all Israel's agricultural exports could go down the drain if Spain and Portugal join the European Community soon.

One of the delegation, Gad Ya'acobi (Alignment-Labour) warned at a press conference in the Knesset that the damage to Israel's farmers would be two-fold, because their competitors in the Iberian peninsula would get subsidies on one hand, while Israeli produce would be hampered by tariff walls on the other hand. The blow would be felt here throughout the economy.

Ya'acobi explained that half of all

farm produce here is for export, and of that half 80 per cent is sold to Europe.

He said the fact that two-thirds of the entire European Community budget goes to subsidise European farmers shows what Israeli farmers are up against.

Ya'acobi said the government was not organized to tackle the problem. "We have to prepare for the worst," he warned. "Israel must make contact with every state in the European Community at prime ministerial level and conduct parallel negotiations for new procedures to ease its difficulties, simultaneously with the Community negotiations with Spain and Portugal," he said.

MKs in the delegation made the following points, among others: Shevah Weiss (Alignment-Labour). However much we might

succeed in Europe, we'll still find to total new markets want to keep between seven nine per cent of our population the land.

Naftali Blumenthal (Align-Labour). If we conclude a free pact with the U.S. we'll get trouble with the Europeans.

Eli Kulas (Likud-Liberal). Strasbourg visit of Ibrahim St. PLO representative in Paris more coverage than our dial.

Meir Shitrit (Likud-H Israel's farm planning will be he totally revamped because competition from Spain and Po

Dan Tichon (Likud-Lib). Even if the entry of Spain and tugal is delayed till 1986, we leave no stone unturned in E to canvass support for our prod immediately.

Better protection for instalment buyers

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter
In the spirit of caveat emptor, the Ministry of Industry and Trade has begun distribution of its "Order Number Three," concerning instalment credit. The order — effective February 1, 1984 — explains how interest payments for buying on "time" should be calculated and disclosed to the buyer.

Two previous executive orders required the vendor to tell the buyer in person how much his total interest will come to. The orders subsequently required the seller to give this figure in his advertisements as well.

"Though instalment buying is only now beginning to come into vogue here, our rapid inflation makes it a tricky business for consumers," a ministry spokesman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

In a leaflet explaining the latest

order, consumers are advised to compare interest rates offered by various shopkeepers for the same item and to compare the shopkeeper's interest with that available from other lenders, such as banks, either as a loan or as overdraft.

As of February, a vendor must furnish a buyer with three separate prices before an instalment sales contract is signed: the total price the purchaser will pay for the article, the price he would pay if he were buying for cash, and the annual rate of interest including any extras such as insurance and service fees. After February the following type of advertisement will be illegal: "Six payments without interest or linkage; 30 per cent discount for cash. The reason, says the ministry, is that the so-called "discount" for cash is really interest on the instalments by another name.

For example if a colour TV set

costs IS50,000 in six payment IS35,000 for cash, the true in on the instalments is IS15,000 should so be stated in the advertisement.

What is more, if a vendor's cash buyers certain benefits — as an extra chair with a dining set, free service and repairs or tipication in a customer loyalty trip to London — the money of these benefits must be included in the sales contract's interest figure, since the instalment is not eligible for them.

To make figuring of easier for both sellers and the booklet provides eas understand tables giving the nualized interest when the no interest in known, and the no interest payments when the interest rate is known.

"The key interest figure is the nual one," the ministry spokes said, "and that must be included in the sales contract. It's important because a person who buys or instalment plan usually pays pound interest."

Neither "Order Number Three" nor the previous two executive orders concerning interest pay apply to sales of land, homes, and bonds, lottery tickets, bank services or services given by insurance companies.

The booklet is available in of of the Ministry of Industry Trade in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Beersheba and Eilat.

Profits of Dead Sea Works up 650%

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Dead Sea Works has announced that in the six months ending September 30, 1983 the company earned a consolidated net profit of IS2.2 billion. This reflects a 146 per cent advance over the same period a year ago. The consolidated profit after adjustment for inflation totalled IS595 million. In comparison to a year ago this marks an advance of 650 per cent.

Potash production of 746,000 tons was four per cent less than last year. The production of table salt advanced somewhat and stood at 21,400 tons. Sales of potash ran 16 per cent ahead of last year, while direct exports were ahead by nearly 20 per cent.

Revenues for the six months stood at IS4.4b., a gain of 133 per cent. Direct export sales were \$63m. and were up by four per cent.

Over the six-month period world potash prices were 10 to 15 per cent below last year's prices. After three years of falling prices there appears to be a turnaround now and prices are firming slightly.

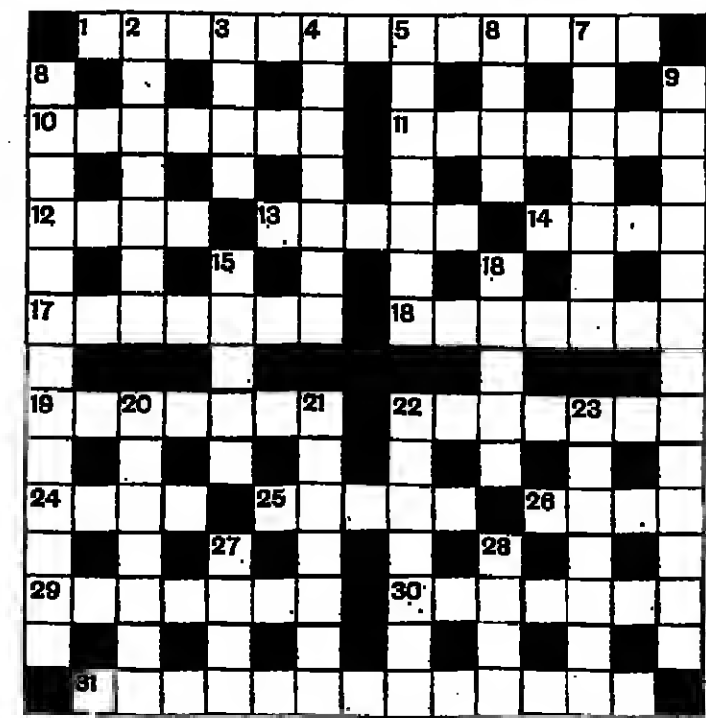
The Makleff-project aimed at expanding the company's production is nearly completed and will give it an annual production capability of 2.1 million tons of potash. Invest-

ments in this project over the six months totalled \$25m.
The company has announced that it will pay a 20 per cent final cash dividend on account of 1982/83 as well as 17 per cent on account of 1983/84.
A final bonus share distribution of 15 per cent will be made on account of 1982/83, in addition to the 140 per cent already announced and paid.



ONE-AND-ONE CROSSWORD

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Guaranteed bank shares fall

AVIV. — The bank shares are part of the Treasury's continued decline today. Prices fell by up to 3.9 per cent, as was the case with the B stock. At current levels, bank shares are yielding some 10 per cent, linked to the dollar, if until redemption. The lower the more attractive it will be for holders of these shares, as they are blocked depositors of four to six years.

The free share market enjoyed modest advances. The Tel Aviv Share Index of the free was up by 0.45 per cent. In the Tel Aviv market, the best performers, ending by 1.66 per cent.

Institutional investors, such as funds, seem to be responsible for the falling prices in longer-term-linked bonds. These fell by up to 2.5 per cent. The

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU

public is apparently responsible for an above-average level of redemptions of mutual fund units.

The shekel was devalued by about 0.8 of a per cent. Volatile activity in the share market still continued to favour the heavy losers; however, the losers were only slightly ahead of winners. There were three "sellers only" while only three "buyers only." Fifty issues were down by more than five per cent, while 48 others chalked up gains of more than five per cent.

Only one share, Zika 5, was established as "sellers only" for the second session. Bank shares not part of the agreement were on the upside. Martine

Bank 0.5 was on the "buyers only" list, while the 1 shares were unchanged in spite of a net demand. Danot 1 was five per cent higher, while the shares of the First International Bank gained 3.7 per cent.

Mortgage bank issues were somewhat easier. Binayon was 7.6 per cent lower, as Adanim gained 6.8 per cent.

Specialized financial institution shares were also slightly lower. Clal Lessing 0.1 was nearly seven per cent lower, while the Federation of Contractors shares fell by nearly 10 per cent.

Insurance shares were higher. Re-insurance 0.1 gained a full 10 per cent, while Menorah 1 advanced by 8.7 per cent.

The service and trade sector also was among the sectors that ended the session on the upside. Teta 5 was a 89.8 per cent gainer, as Ya'anah, after a 3.2 per cent gain, returned to winning ways. Yashalom Hotels tumbled on 10.2 per cent, but Koppel gave up eight per cent.

Land development, real estate and citrus plantation issues were comfortably higher. Beo-Yakar was a full 10 per cent gainer. Property & Building was untouched as Israelcom headed lower by 10 per cent. Sela Bonch rose by 6.7 per cent.

Industrials performed well as prices rose on a relatively broad front. Agao was 5.2 per cent higher. Elbit gained 0.8 per cent, but Elron Electronics was unchanged. Arit also was unchanged. A.B. Chipped in with a full 10 per cent gain. United Spinners 1 shares were 9.5 per cent lower. Ummar was dropped for a 13.5 per cent fall. Lodzia 0.1, however, was 0.9 per cent higher.

It certainly appears that investors still know how to react to positive financial news. The Dead Sea Works announced a sharp gain in earnings for the six months ending September 30. (Story on page 6). The shares responded with a 10.1 per cent upward move. American Israeli Paper Mills edged 1.6 per cent higher. Mollet, whose financials were poor, was dropped for a loss of 5.8 per cent. Ta'al and Arad were both 10 per cent winners.

Investment company shares were lower and moved against the general trend for higher prices. IDB Development was dropped for a 9.4 per cent loss. Hapohlim Investments fell by 6.3 per cent. Clal Industries was unchanged, but Clal Trade was able to post a five per cent gain. O.I. Investments 0.1 was among the "buyers only" situations, while the 0.5 shares picked up 4.4 per cent. Pinyon gained 2.6 per cent. Oils were slightly higher. The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange announced that as in previous years it will be closed on January 1, 1984. January 1 is traditionally a bank holiday, allowing the financial institutions to close their books for the year past. Rogosin Industries announced that its employees left their posts and struck the plant of the nylon producer. Management stated, however, that it will continue to supply local and export orders out of existing stocks.

TEVA PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD.

NOTICE OF AN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 41st Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held on Friday, December 30, 1983, at 10:30 a.m. at the Headquarters of Teva at 5 Basel St., Petach Tikva.

On the Agenda:

1. Director's Report;
2. Approval of Annual Financial Report for the Year ended March 31, 1983;
3. Approval of the Board's recommended dividends for the Year 1982/83;
4. Appointment of Directors;
5. Appointment of Auditors;
6. Any other matter that can be discussed at the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

Teva's Annual Report is available at the registered office in Jerusalem.

By order of the Board of Directors
U. Karniel, Adv.
Secretary of the Company

Bank of Israel exchange rates

December 21, 1983

U.S. dollar	102.7501
British sterling	145.8743
German mark	37.0939
French franc	12.1519
Dutch guilder	33.0227
Swiss franc	46.4250
Swedish krona	12.6742
Norwegian krona	13.1588
Danish krona	17.4537
Canadian dollar	82.2231
Australian dollar	91.3448
South African rand	83.8800
Belgian franc (10)	18.2084
Austrian schilling (10)	52.6262
Italian lire (100)	6.1092
Japanese yen (100)	43.7281
Jordanian dinar	272.29
Lebanese lira	18.94
Egyptian pound	89.9063

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S.D.R.	196.2432	197.3110

FOREIGN CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATES FOR 21.12.83

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	CHEQUES AND TRANSACTIONS	BANKNOTES
USA	DOLLAR	102.2363	101.2100
UK	STERLING	145.2675	143.8000
FRANCE	FRANC	36.8950	36.5200
GERMANY	MARK	12.0889	12.1500
NETHERLANDS	GILDER	32.8734	32.5400
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	46.2189	45.7500
SPAIN	PESETA	16.0971	16.2288
ITALY	LIRE	17.3644	17.5400
GREECE	DRACHMA	81.7367	82.5282
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	90.7134	91.6272
NEW ZEALAND	DOLLAR	83.4017	84.2420
ARGENTINA	PESO	18.1270	18.3092
CHILE	PESO	52.3483	52.8744
PERU	SOLE	60.8440	61.4356
PANAMA	BALBOA	435.4186	439.7947

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FOREIGN CURRENCY

Yesterday's foreign exchange rates against the Israeli Shekel, for U.S. dollar transactions under \$3,000 and transactions of other currencies under the equivalent of \$500.

CURRENCY	BUYING	SELLING
US\$	103.2845	102.2380
STERLING	145.8840	145.1240
DM	37.2853	36.9149
FRANC FR	12.2075	12.0880
FRANC CH	33.1773	32.8469
SWISS FR	46.8574	46.1527
SWEDISH KR	12.7377	12.6108
NORWEGIAN KR	13.2246	13.0828
DANISH KR	17.4441	17.3693
CANADIAN \$	82.8414	81.8182
AUSTRALIAN \$	91.3054	90.8800
ARGENTINA \$	84.2280	83.9980
CHILEAN \$	18.2093	18.1288
PERU \$	18.0511	17.8812
YEN (100)	43.9423	43.5016
ITALIAN LIRE (1000)	81.4670	80.8547

INTERBANK SPOT RATES:

CURRENCY	BUYING	SELLING
US\$	1.0187/87	per \$
DM	2.7875/85	per \$
FRANC FR	12.0101/15	per \$
FRANC CH	33.1773/83	per \$
SWISS FR	46.8574/82	per \$
SWEDISH KR	12.7377/82	per \$
NORWEGIAN KR	13.2246/82	per \$

FORWARD RATES:

CURRENCY	1 month	3 months	6 months
US\$	1.0201/15	1.0219/22	1.0238/45
DM	2.7880/95	2.7901/10	2.7922/15
FRANC FR	12.2075/80	12.2096/85	12.2117/90
FRANC CH	33.1773/83	33.1794/88	33.1815/93

Commercial Banks

Bank	Change	% change
IDB p	73001	n.c.
IDB B r	1483	-100
IDB A r	1150	-150
IDB p A	18700	-800
IDB p 11	1950	-145
Union 0.1	2280	-152
Discount Br	3480	-160
Discount A r	3480	-160
Discount p 2	3480	-160
Oscoum B c n	465	37
Mizrahi r	1270	914
Mizrahi p 11	1320	31
Mizrahi p 12	1320	31
Mizrahi p 6	11300	-70
Mizrahi p 9	560	175
Martime 0.1	246	n.c.
Martime 0.5	147	n.c.
Hapohlim p	2650	-110
Hapohlim p 2	5181	-40
Hapohlim p 3	2210	244
Hapohlim p 4	7600	-7

Land, Real Estate, Citrus

Bank	Change	% change
Oren	174	80
Oren p 1	200	5
Azaron Prop.	155	138
Azaron p 1	131	32
Azaron p 2	177	32
Azaron p 3	85	48
Azaron p 4	49	52
Elion	34	5
Amnonim 1	270	67
Amnonim p 1	100	174
Africa 1st 0.1	1040	30
Africa 1st 0.2	1510	30
Africa 1st 0.3	1225	1
Azaron p 1	71	n.c.
Azaron p 2	71	n.c.
Azaron p 3	134	100
Azaron p 4	117	117
Ben Yakar 1	242	29
Ben Yakar 2	105	n.c.
Baranowitz 1	125	22
Baranowitz 2	81	29
Baranowitz 3	58	70
Drucker 1	206	182
Drucker 2	110	110
Drucker 3	45	37
Darad 0.1	108	22
Darad 0.5	111	2
Darad p 2	156	n.c.

Mortgage Banks

Bank	Change	% change
Adanim 0.1	1100	13
Gen. Mortgage	1315	1
Gen. Mortgage p 1	2170	7
Gen. Mortgage p 2	1575	n.c.
Carmel	819	28
Carmel deb	145	251
DevMortg p 1	890	156
DevMortg p 2	300	62
Miknam r	1685	n.c.
Miknam p 1	1385	n.c.
Independence	135	n.c.
Tefahot p 1	410	4
Tefahot p 2	1165	n.c.
Tefahot p 3	121	2
Tefahot deb. 1	182	407
Jaysour 1	298	15
Jaysour 2	298	n.c.
Jaysour p 1	99	n.c.
Jaysour p 2	230	352

Financial Institutions

Bank	Change	% change
Shilon r	154	441
Shilon p 1	802	2
Leumi Ind r	751	3
Leumi Ind p 1	752	n.c.
Fed. of Cons.	118	278
AgriCulture A	9985	10
Leumi Dev p 1	120	n.c.
Clal Lease 0.1	202	12
Clal Lease 0.2	161	72
Clal Lease 0.3	619	174

Insurance

Bank	Change	% change
Aryeh r	300	54
Aryeh p 1	165	3
Aryeh p 2	2170	n.c.
Aryeh p 3	410	4
Aryeh p 4	161	10
Reinsur 0.1	638	6
Reinsur 0.2	178	n.c.
Reinsur 0.3	224	49
Hadar 1	122	253
Hadar 2	255	85
Hadar 3	181	71
Phoenicia 0.1	1390	19
Phoenicia 0.2	460	5
Hamshmar 1	437	45
Hamshmar 2	433	10
Hamshmar 3	530	2
Yardenia 0.1	220	2
Yardenia 0.2	90	42
Yardenia 0.3	49	36
Menorah 1	1255	28
Menorah 2	207	80
Menorah 3	1410	3
Securitas r	166	302
Zur r	970	n.c.
Zion Hold. 1	436	71
Zion Hold. 2	129	199

Trade, Services & Utilities

Bank	Change	% change
Galei Zohar r	122	25
Galei Zohar p 1	50	60
Galei Zohar p 2	30	92
Data	220	48
Delek r	1470	34
Delek p 1	300	3
Delek p 2	140	80
Delek p 3	20	53
Lighterage 0.1	360	35
Lighterage 0.2	225	24
Lighterage 0.3	920	10
Cold Store 1	4210	3
Cold Store 2	n.c.	n.c.
Dan Hotels 1	490	42
Dan Hotels 2	383	n.c.
Coral Beach	219	12
Israel Data	365	170
Israel Data p 1	495	30
Tea p 1	135	33
Tea p 2	35	241
Ya'anah	1630	66
Ya'anah p 1	1300	57
Clal C.C.P.	401	14
Clal C.C.P. p 1	10	33
M.L.L. 1	1314	63
M.L.L. 2	430	n.c.
M.L.L. 3	229	9
M.L.L. 4	157	70
M.L.L. 5	94	71
M.L.L. 6	412	6
M.L.L. 7	220	30

Industrial

Bank	Change	% change
Bond Ware 0.5	170	22
Bond Ware p 1	57	55
Yarden Hotel	157	76
Yarden Hotel p 1	57	127
Yarden Hotel p 2	44	49
Nikus 1.0	310	151
Nikus 1.5	160	127
Nikus 2.0	170	12
Consort. Hold. 0.1	143	21
Consort. 0.5	70	101
Consort. p 1	83	67
Consort. p 2	70	12
Kopel 1	275	13
Kopel 2	180	1
Kopel 3	136	62
Rapaz 0.5	185	n.c.
Supercor 1	1290	n.c.
Supercor 2	461	96
Supercor 3	241	3
Team 1	910	13
Team 2	565	17

Oil & Oil Exploration

Bank	Change	% change
Delek p 1	175	17
Delek p 2	44	98
Delek p 3	640	18
Delek p 4	145	5
Delek p 5	66	15
Delek p 6	40	330
Delek p 7	40	330
Delek p 8	40	330
Delek p 9	40	330
Delek p 10	40	330

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Down but not out

THE FATAH loyalists, with their leader Yasser Arafat, are now out of Tripoli in the second PLO exodus from Lebanon since August 1982.

Until almost the last moment Israel tried to keep the terrorists guessing whether it would, or would not, allow them to board ship. Continued navy shelling of targets in and around Tripoli suggested that the IDF might block the planned evacuation, thus forcing a renewal of the fighting between the bottled-up loyalists and the pro-Syrian rebels under Abu Mussa.

There appears to have been some disagreement within the government itself as to which tactic was to be pursued. Despite Premier Yitzhak Shamir's denial in the Knesset, there is reason to believe that he did not wholly see eye to eye on this matter with the defence minister, Moshe Arens. Mr. Shamir, it is reported, assured President Reagan that Arafat's men could depart unscathed. This came as a surprise to Mr. Arens.

Ultimately, however, there was no likelihood whatever that Israeli guns would fire on the UN-sponsored convoy of Greek transport vessels escorted by the French navy, especially since it was America's wish that they would not. It could thus readily have been foreseen that Israel would, as the defence minister's media adviser said it did, decide "to act like a civilized state and not sink the ships."

If any confusion about the government's intentions was nevertheless produced, it may have been more in the minds of Israelis than of the terrorists. It has served no visibly useful purpose, but it has enabled Arafat to claim that, having earlier been caught between the Israeli hammer and the Syrian anvil, he scored a victory in getting out of Tripoli with his men.

In military terms, of course, this is a bogus claim. Yet, though reduced almost to naught militarily, the exiled PLO chief has not yet been cut down to size politically. Indeed, freed as he is now from internal obstruction by Fatah's rejectionist Syrian surrogates, Arafat now appears free to launch the diplomatic offensive that he was earlier prevented from undertaking.

That this is his plan is indicated by the meeting he is scheduled to hold with President Hosni Mubarak and by the visit he said he would pay on King Hussein in Amman before the end of the month. The outcome, Washington is hoping, could be an endorsement of the Reagan initiative by the "moderate" group of Arab states, and the Arafat wing of the PLO.

There is by no means any certainty that this will in fact be the result. For one thing Washington itself may choose to relegate the Palestinian issue to the back burner during this presidential election year. In the American calendar, this is hardly the time to bring pressure to bear on Israel, for example, to freeze all settlement activity in the territories. Besides, the Arabs themselves may suffer another failure of nerve that will keep them from embarking on the road to peace.

Nevertheless, it would be extremely unwise for this country's government to assume that, with the demise of the PLO as an independent fighting force, which in any case never amounted to much, the solution of the Palestinian problem according to the Israeli prescription has been finally assured.

Counting the losses

THE PORTS of Ashdod and Haifa swung into top gear yesterday morning after a ruinous 24-day go-slow strike, and everybody was wondering whether the wage dispute between the stevedores and their employer, the Ports Authority, could not have been settled before millions and perhaps tens of millions of dollars worth of damage was caused to Israel's farmers — and before Israel's reputation as a reliable exporter was senselessly blackened.

To be sure, the same question applies to almost every major strike, including the recent one conducted by the country's doctors, when patients' lives were jeopardized in the struggle for higher wages.

In the ports the dispute was not over the usual straightforward demand for better pay. The Ports Authority was ready to grant the stevedores more, recognizing that they had not received their fair share of the savings effected during a decade of mechanization in the ports. In return, however, the Authority insisted on higher norms and smaller work teams, with every percentage point of the 25 per cent finally agreed upon precisely calculated against the profit from higher output by the men.

The situation was further complicated by the fact that the Haifa stevedores teamed up in strike action for the first time with their more militant colleagues in Ashdod. Once they did so, the Haifa men, who were in fact satisfied with the Authority's offer in the first week of the strike, were unable to cut loose. Solidarity won the day, and the strike went on.

It went on in no small measure because the government refused to step in and try to settle it, relying instead on the Authority and the labour court. It almost appeared as though the terrible losses to farm exports, and to the hard-pressed Zim shipping company, were a matter of no concern to the government. Transport Minister Haim Corfu maintained a studiously nonchalant "wait-and-see" attitude.

Only yesterday, after the strike was already settled, thanks in large degree to the efforts of deputy Histadrut chief Yisrael Kessar, did the transport minister wake up from his torpor. He informed the public that he had contingency plans available in case the strike had dragged on still longer.

IT SOUNDS paradoxical, but really isn't, that just when relations between the United States and Israel are as close as ever, Israel goes out of its way to emphasize its unwillingness to be regarded as an intrinsically anti-Soviet factor. The emphasis is both justified and timely.

Israel is inherently part of the Free World (I prefer this term to the often used "Western World"; the two are by no means co-extensive), the one which is trying to maintain individual liberties as strongly as circumstances allow.

Faced by a continuing state of war and undisguised threats of destruction, Israel is forced to curtail some of these liberties, but even so it keeps them at a level higher than do most other states when facing less dangerous situations. This creates a natural bond with other Free World countries, and particularly with the Free World's leading power, the United States. If this latter bond has now been strengthened, so much the better.

Now, what is the Free World's attitude towards the Soviet Union? Aside from occasional lapses and imperfections, it comprises several elements: a basic rejection of communism as a way of life; a desire to prevent its encroachment on free societies; a determination of each country to preserve, in its dealings with the USSR as well as in all other matters, its own vital interests, even when this course may involve disagreement with other Free World countries; a genuine effort to maintain unity within the Free World as far as possible; and a desire to avoid military confrontation with the USSR and to seek a *modus vivendi* and a fruitful understanding with it.

This is the course which every Free World country, large or small, tries to pursue to the best of its ability. Every European country in its own way does it. So, too, does the United States, despite periodic clashes, like the recent one on the

LINKS TO MOSCOW

By BENJAMIN AKZIN

placing of Pershing and cruise missiles in Europe. It is keeping open the lines of communication with the Soviet Union, hopes for further talks, and would like to come to an understanding. Incidentally, so does the USSR as well.

This should also be Israel's policy. Just because U.S.-Israel relations have become so close, it is necessary to underscore that Israel does not intend to go beyond the attitudes here described. Several recent steps have been undertaken by the Israeli government to make this intention clear to the Soviets beyond any doubt. In this, at least, the government certainly speaks for the opposition as well.

OF COURSE, Israel's grievances against the Soviets are far more weighty than those of other free countries. Attacks on Israel, on Zionism — the country's basic ideology and *raison d'être* — on Jews and Judaism, constantly launched in the USSR, equal in their vile coarseness the worst that has been said by Jew-haters of the past and the present.

Where all other nationalities in the Soviet Union are treated equally and are encouraged to develop their own culture, there is growing discrimination against Soviet Jews and the very teaching of the Hebrew language is treated as a crime. Many who want to make aliya are denied this opportunity and

persecuted on the flimsiest excuses.

By their attitudes, Soviet authorities, whether or not they themselves are tainted by anti-Semitism, create in their population a climate which may endanger the very physical existence of Soviet Jews. To top it all, the USSR arms the worst enemies of Israel and takes the lead in propagating hatred towards it in international forums.

If sentiment alone were to govern Israeli policy, it could not do otherwise than consider the USSR an implacably hostile power and take its stand accordingly.

But policy may not be based on sentiment only. Reason must be its main motive. Therefore, in common with other nations, Israel seeks to develop, despite all the differences in outlook and interests, as decent and friendly a relationship with the Soviets as possible; to bridge existing differences, and — in the meantime — to avoid being drawn into an anti-Soviet stance *per se*.

In pursuing this course, Israel is hopefully watching for the slightest signs of a softening in Moscow's enmity.

It was noted and appreciated that attacks on Israel and Jews were somewhat toned down in the last months of Leonid Brezhnev's presidency and for a while thereafter, and there was genuine disappointment at their renewed stridency this last year. It was also noted that Moscow, while amply

providing Syria with arms, military experts and diplomatic support, seemingly advises the Syrians to refrain from large-scale hostilities against Israel. This latter advice stems, of course, from a proper appreciation of the regional and global repercussions of such hostilities; but Israel prefers to think that a genuine desire for peace may also be involved and that a dialogue with the Soviets is therefore possible.

The Soviets were repeatedly apprised of this attitude, and the present closing of the gap in U.S.-Israel relations makes it highly appropriate that the Israeli position be re-affirmed.

THIS POSITION can be defined as follows: Israel is eager to pursue peace and normalization with all Arab states and groups similarly inclined, while equally prepared to defend itself — preventively, if necessary — against any who continue to harbour hostile designs, and to weaken and destroy anti-Israel terrorist forces.

In doing so, Israel will gladly cooperate with all countries whose interests run parallel to its own. Since many of the Arab states most inimical to Israel are also anti-American, military, economic, and political cooperation with the United States is eagerly welcomed, the more so since Israel is deeply grateful for the many instances of American friendship and economic support.

It is in Israel's interest to have American influence in the region maintained and to oppose any anti-American developments in the Middle East since they would also endanger Israel.

Beyond these concerns, vital as they are to its future, Israel is eager for good relations with all countries and certainly with a super-power such as the Soviet Union. It welcomes Soviet declarations to the effect that it, too, opposes all designs to destroy Israel, and hopes

that actual Soviet policy will match these declarations.

Globally, Israel, though conscious of its limitations, will certainly contribute its share to the effort to prevent the outbreak of a war, whether nuclear or conventional, that would threaten mankind.

IN INTERNATIONAL relations just as in inter-personal relations one should never overlook motivations and interests of other party. This is certainly when one deals with relations between entities as disparate as and powerful as the giant Soviet Union and valiant but small Israel.

Well, what is it that the Soviets have to gain from their present posture of hostility to Israel and Jews as a people? Discrimination against Soviet Jews brings them, internationally, nothing except measure of opprobrium in the West.

At home, whatever the personal feelings of Soviet rulers toward Jews, the regime is sufficiently not to need Jews as a lightning rod (as they were used by the tsarist regime in its decline). Hence would-be Jewish emigrants leaving certainly does not help to tear other Jews into Russian society, if this is the intention.

Standing out as Israel's foe not made the USSR more popular in the Arab world than are countries which maintain a correct attitude towards Israel.

And if the aim is Soviet participation in efforts to solve the Israeli conflict, it should be that Israel cannot agree to it as the hostile stance prevails.

This being so, it may be not only unrealistic to hope that Israel's readiness to put its relations with the Soviet Union on a more satisfactory level will sooner or later be reciprocated.

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READERS' LETTERS

KNESSET MEMBERS' SALARIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — As ministers and MKs vote themselves a 60 per cent wage hike, how can they expect ordinary employees to accept lower wages and cuts in the cost of living allowance?

At the same time yeshivot and religious schools are to get increased payments. For this purpose there is enough money, but for ordinary schools and pupils there have to be cuts. Are these pupils (and students of the universities) second class citizens?

Like Cicero in Roman times, I am asking our government and Knesset: How long will you abuse our patience?

GERTY FEHL

Kiryat Bialik.

HEBREW LEARNING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Once again, we are witnessing the penny wise, pound foolish shortsightedness of Israeli budget cuts.

To deprive adults of Hebrew ulpanim just because they have been here for more than three years is to throw away people who may have spent years and years as productive contributors to Israeli society despite their lack of Hebrew.

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REPUBLICANS ABROAD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It is of the utmost importance to organize a Republicans Abroad group in Israel which is one of the few countries that does not have such representation.

President Ronald Reagan has proven himself as a friend to Israel. The President presented a bold plan to try to break the stalemate between Israel and her neighbours in the Middle East.

It is at this time that American citizens living in Israel should support our president and establish Republicans Abroad.

Those interested should please contact: BETTY ZWIG SHOHAM 38 Metudella Street Jerusalem. Tel. 636326

BUS ROUTES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I have had the great good luck of being able to visit Israel 10 times within the last 25 years. I have never stopped admiring the incredible achievements, the colossal development of this small country in such a relatively short time. But in a place where so much has been done in such a short time, why do buses still run without any indication of their destination and the route they follow?

CAROLINE GASPAR
Tel Aviv (Sydney, Australia).

BLOODY HISTORY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Daniel Gavron's Two Views of Germany (December 2) fails to mention the fact that romantic, medieval Rothenburg, whose inhabitants "surely did not know of the Holocaust" (according to the tourist guide), was the scene of repeated massacres of Jews in the Middle Ages. So much so, that one of the elegies for Tisha Be'Av specifically mentions this place: *Ho'r aduma midam* (the town red with blood) a play on the name Rothenburg.

NAFTALI WERTHEIM
Tirat Zvi.

FALSE ECONOMY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Poor judgement and false economy can add up to tragedy. Egged employs workers to check that bus fares are paid and occasionally might find a non-paying passenger. These same workers that check bus tickets could take a minute to peer under seats as well. Not only would this make for better security but would psychologically act as a deterrent.

To expect the public to act as guards is asking too much. Our buses are too crowded and if one casually seeks to make a hurried check there are only legs to be seen. Perhaps the recent tragic event will cause a change in Egged thinking.

Y. GREEN

Jerusalem.

SURVIVORS OF JACENOVAC CAMP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — The Simon Wiesenthal Center is urgently trying to locate survivors of the Jacenovac Camp outside of Zagreb, Yugoslavia. These individuals are asked to contact:

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ARGENTINA AND ZIONISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Regarding the article "Hope for change in Argentina," by C. C. Aronsfeld, published in your newspaper on December 18, the Argentine Embassy, without discussing other assertions that unfortunately lack the necessary objectivity, wishes to point out that Argentina never has accepted the similarity of the concepts of Zionism and racism or the labelling of Israel as racist.

ALEJANDRO MAROLLO PEREIRA,
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